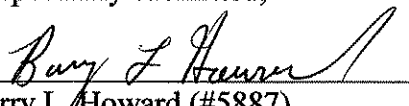


exists as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1332 (a)(1).

3. The Plaintiffs' prayer for relief in the Amended Complaint exceeds the sum of \$75,000; therefore, the requirement of 28 U.S.C. § 1332 (a) is met.
4. The present Notice of Removal is being filed within thirty (30) days after the receipt by Defendant, through service or otherwise, of a copy of the initial pleading (Amended Complaint) setting forth the claim for relief upon which the present action is based as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).
5. A copy of all process, pleadings, and orders served upon Defendant in the present case are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a).
6. Defendant consents to the removal of the case and to the filing of the present Notice of Removal as evidenced herein by signature of counsel for Defendant.
7. A copy of the present Notice of Removal will promptly be filed with the clerk of the Knox County Circuit Court, and written notice thereof shall be given to Plaintiffs, as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).

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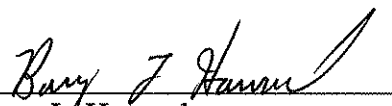
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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on the following persons U.S. mail, postage prepaid, on the following:

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